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Office Action Summary

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Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8 Feb 2000
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claims 1-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: _____

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Restriction Requirement

Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

5 a. Group I, claims 1-16, drawn to prognosis protocol methods, classified in class 435, subclass 7.4.

 b. Group II, claim 17, drawn to methods for determining human responsiveness to cholinomimetics, classified in class 435, subclass 4.

10 c. Group III, claims 18-20, drawn to kits for performing pharmacogenetic analyses, classified in class 422, subclass 61.

15 2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

 3. Inventions I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use
20 together, or they have different modes of operation, or they have different functions, or they have different effects (refer to M.P.E.P. ¶s 806.04 and 808.01). In the instant case, each of the identified groups is directed toward a different scientific
25 objective (e.g., determining prognosis protocols or responsiveness to cholinomimetics) that employs different scientific reagents and methodologies. Therefore, each invention is clearly drawn toward a different inventive entity.

30 4. Inventions I/II and III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together, or they have different modes of operation, or they have different functions, or they have different effects (refer to M.P.E.P. ¶s 806.04 and 808.01). In the instant case, none of the methodologies of Groups I or II require the kit of Group III, and

the kit of Group III does not require any of the methodologies set forth in Groups I and II. Therefore, each invention is clearly drawn toward a different inventive concept.

5 5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, requirement for independent searches, and recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Applicants are
10 required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single group for prosecution on the merits. Applicants are also reminded that the claims should be amended, if necessary, to reflect the election.

Claim Cancellation

15 6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must
20 be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

Correspondence

25 7. The Art Unit location of your application in the Patent and Trademark Office has changed. To facilitate the correlation of related papers and documents for this application, all future correspondence should be directed to **art unit 1648**.

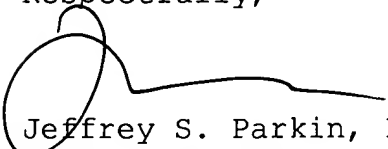
30 8. Correspondence related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). Official communications should be directed toward one of the following Group 1600 fax numbers: (703) 308-4242 or (703) 305-3014. Informal communications may be
35 submitted directly to the Examiner through the following fax number: (703) 308-4426. Applicants are encouraged to notify the Examiner prior to the submission of such documents to facilitate their expeditious processing and entry.

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5 9. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to
Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-2227.
The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from
8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. A message may be left on the examiner's voice
mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful,
the examiner's supervisors, James Housel or Laurie Scheiner, can be
reached at (703) 308-4027 or (703) 308-1122, respectively. Any
inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this
10 application should be directed to the Group 1600 receptionist whose
telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Respectfully,



Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.
Patent Examiner
Art Unit 1648

19 June, 2001